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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

YUGA LABS, INC.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

RYDER RIPPS and JEREMY CAHEN,  
Defendants.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-00010-APG-NJK

**[USDC, Central District of California  
Civil Case No. 2:22-cv-4355-JFW-JEM]**

**DECLARATION OF KIMBERLY  
CULP IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF  
YUGA LABS, INC.'S MOTION TO  
COMPEL NON-PARTY RYAN  
HICKMAN'S COMPLIANCE WITH  
SUBPOENA**

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

1 I, Kimberly Culp, declare:

2 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in California and am an attorney with the law  
3 firm of Fenwick & West LLP, counsel for Plaintiff Yuga Labs, Inc. in the above-captioned  
4 matter. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge. If called as a witness, I  
5 could testify competently to the facts set forth herein.

6 2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Non-Party  
7 Ryan Hickman's Compliance with Subpoena.

8 3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the complaint filed by  
9 Yuga Labs in the Central District of California against Ryder Ripps and Jeremy Cahen in the case  
10 titled *Yuga Lab v. Ripps et al.* Case No. 2:22-cv-4355-JFW-JEM.

11 4. On September 7, 2022, I sent Mr. Hickman a letter to notify him of the subpoena  
12 at **Exhibit B**. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of this letter.

13 5. I am informed by our process server that Mr. Hickman was personally served with  
14 the subpoena shown at Exhibit B on September 9, 2022.

15 6. On September 27, 2022, my colleague Anthony Fares contacted Mr. Hickman by  
16 an email that I was copied on to notify Mr. Hickman that the deadline for document production  
17 had passed and offered to confer with Mr. Hickman regarding a possible extension. Attached  
18 hereto as **Exhibit D** is a true and correct copy of this email.

19 7. On September 29, 2022, Mr. Hickman responded to the subpoena by email to Mr.  
20 Fares, with a copy to me. Mr. Hickman did not assert any objections to the document requests or  
21 the subpoena and purported to respond to the subpoena with some responsive documents (only six  
22 images). That same day, Mr. Fares responded to Mr. Hickman by an email that I was copied on  
23 and asked him to forward the email to any attorney he may have and let him know that we would  
24 like to meet and confer with him. Attached hereto as **Exhibit E** is a true and correct copy of these  
25 emails and their attachments.

26 8. Thereafter, Mr. Fares followed up with Mr. Hickman on three more occasions by  
27 email with copies to me to schedule the meet and confer. Attached hereto as **Exhibit F** is a true  
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1 and correct copy of these emails.

2 9. On October 12, 2022, Mr. Hickman responded to Mr. Fares and agreed to speak on  
3 Friday, October 14. Attached hereto as **Exhibit G** is a true and correct copy of these emails.

4 10. On October 13, 2022, Mr. Hickman notified Mr. Fares, by email with a copy to  
5 me, that he was in the process of retaining counsel and promised to follow-up by Monday (*e.g.*,  
6 October 17). Attached hereto as **Exhibit H** is a true and correct copy of these emails.

7 11. On October 17, 2022, Mr. Hickman notified us that he had retained counsel and  
8 that his attorney would contact us. No attorney contacted Fenwick & West on October 17 or 18,  
9 and on October 19, Mr. Fares asked Mr. Hickman, by email with a copy to me, for the name of  
10 his attorney. Attached hereto as **Exhibit I** is a true and correct copy of these emails.

11 12. On October 21, 2022, Ethan Jacobs, a San Francisco attorney, contacted me to let  
12 me know that he had been retained to represent Mr. Hickman in connection with responding to  
13 Yuga Labs' subpoena to Mr. Hickman. Mr. Jacobs and I spoke that same day and he asked for  
14 additional time for Mr. Hickman to pull his additional documents together to produce to me. I  
15 told Mr. Jacobs that Mr. Hickman had already attempted to comply once, and that any objections  
16 to the subpoena had been waived, but that I would give Mr. Hickman additional time to fully  
17 comply with the subpoena. Mr. Jacobs let me know that he was familiar with the subpoena and  
18 where the responsive documents likely were, so he did not think he would need a substantial  
19 amount of time to work with Mr. Hickman to complete his production. Mr. Jacobs and I agreed  
20 that Mr. Hickman would have until November 11 to provide me with the additional documents  
21 responsive to Yuga Labs' subpoena.

22 13. On November 9, 2022, Mr. Jacobs called me and notified me that he would likely  
23 be withdrawing as counsel for Mr. Hickman. He informed me that the basis for his withdrawal  
24 would be that Mr. Hickman had not responded to his emails and had not provided him with the  
25 additional documents that were necessary to comply with Yuga Labs' subpoena.

26 14. On November 11, 2022, Mr. Jacobs confirmed in writing that he no longer  
27 represented Mr. Hickman. Thereafter, I notified Mr. Hickman that it was our understanding that  
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1 he was no longer represented by Mr. Jacobs and that he had until the end of the day to comply  
2 with Yuga Labs' subpoena. Mr. Hickman did not respond. Attached hereto as **Exhibit J** is a true  
3 and correct copy of these emails.

4 15. On November 14, 2022, I caused the subpoena at **Exhibit K** to be personally  
5 served on Ryan Hickman.

6 16. On November 18, 2022, I sent Mr. Hickman a letter (via overnight and email  
7 delivery) reminding him of his obligations to provide in-person deposition testimony and  
8 documents by November 28, 2022 and to notify me by November 23, 2022 if he needed to  
9 reschedule this date. Attached hereto as **Exhibit L** is a true and correct copy of this letter.

10 17. On November 23, 2022, Mr. Hickman notified us that he was not available on  
11 November 28 but was available on December 6, 2022 or December 7, 2022. Mr. Hickman did  
12 not assert any objections to the document requests or the subpoena in his email response.  
13 Attached hereto as **Exhibit M** is a true and correct copy of these emails.

14 18. On November 23, 2022, Mr. Fares sent an amended subpoena at **Exhibit N** to Mr.  
15 Hickman that reflected December 7, 2022 as his deposition date and the deadline for production  
16 of documents.

17 19. On December 5, 2022, I followed up with Mr. Hickman to remind him of the  
18 deposition and his obligation to produce documents at the deposition. Attached hereto as **Exhibit**  
19 **O** is a true and correct copy of this email.

20 20. On December 7, 2022, Mr. Hickman appeared at his deposition but failed to  
21 produce any documents. Attached as **Exhibit P** are true and correct copies of excerpts from Mr.  
22 Hickman's deposition transcript. Following the deposition, I spoke with Mr. Hickman off the  
23 record regarding his failure to produce documents and requested that he provide a firm date by  
24 which he would commit to produce documents responsive to the subpoena, including those he  
25 had just testified about during his deposition. Mr. Hickman agreed to follow up with me by email  
26 to confirm a date on which he would produce all responsive documents.

27 21. On December 8, Mr. Fares followed up with Mr. Hickman by an email that I was  
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1 copied on to remind him of his obligations under the November 14 subpoena and again requested  
 2 a firm date by which Mr. Hickman would commit to produce all responsive documents. Mr.  
 3 Hickman responded by email and stated that he would produce documents on December 19,  
 4 2022. Mr. Fares confirmed by email that December 19, 2022 was acceptable and that Yuga Labs  
 5 would suspend further action to compel compliance until that date. In this same email, Mr. Fares  
 6 provided a detailed explanation of each request, along with examples of documents we expected  
 7 to receive by that date. Attached hereto as **Exhibit Q** is a true and correct copy of these emails.

8 22. Mr. Hickman did not produce any documents on December 19, 2022.

9 23. On December 20, 2022, Mr. Hickman produced a single PDF of certain Discord  
 10 chat screenshots (but not the entire chat) and two folders of source code. The PDF includes  
 11 messages from a group channel (Team Ape Market) between Mr. Hickman, Mr. Lehman, and  
 12 Defendants that took place on May 18, 2022; messages from a channel with Mr. Lehman that  
 13 took place on May 23, 2022; and messages from an unnamed channel that took place on various  
 14 dates.

15 24. Mr. Lehman produced screenshots of messages from a private Discord channel  
 16 with Mr. Hickman that took place from May 23, 2022 to June 24, 2022. In addition to Discord  
 17 communications, Mr. Lehman produced text messages with various third parties, which revealed  
 18 that Mr. Lehman understood and believed that consumers would purchase an RR/BAYC NFT  
 19 thinking it was an authentic BAYC NFT.

20 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on  
 21 January 3, 2023.

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 23 /s/ Kimberly Culp  
 24 Kimberly Culp

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 6, 2023, I served a true and correct copy of the following documents via email and U.S. mail:

- DECLARATION OF KIMBERLY CULP  
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF YUGA LABS, INC.'S MOTION TO COMPEL NON-PARTY RYAN HICKMAN'S COMPLIANCE WITH SUBPOENA

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